

Dear Public Works Committee,

My name is Frank Punzio, I live at 1621 N Warren Ave, and I am writing you to voice my **support** of the Electric Dockless Scooters (Lime, Spin, and Bird).

Two years ago, they arrived in Milwaukee and at first it was confusing as to what these things were. Friends and I would joke about them whenever we saw one. We wondered, who would actually ride one of those things?... Then one day I needed to get to work and there were no Ubers or Lyfts available, so I decided to swallow my pride and take one of the scooters so I wouldn't have to walk.

After taking that first ride, my eyes were opened, and my opinion immediately turned. I went from laughing at the scooters, to them being my primary form of transportation that summer and fall. They are a cheap, fast, convenient, and a fun form of transportation. By the end of summer and into fall, I suspect many fellow Milwaukee residents shared my opinion on them because it was getting difficult to even find one to ride since they were always in use.

I have used the scooters to get to work, to go to friend's places, to go to the beach, run errands, and rode them just for fun a few times on nice days too.

Places I normally drove or took Uber/Lyfts within the city, I instead would take the scooters. The scooters are *significantly* cheaper than rideshares, normally comparable or faster compared to driving/rideshares, and most importantly, keep one less car off the roads or taking up a parking space on the street. They are ideal for quick (under 15 minute) trips around the city. Something like going from Brady St. to North Ave, or Marquette's campus back to my house, or going from Brady St. to the Third Ward to visit my girlfriend. These are quick 10-minute trips that the scooters were made for and strive in.

Some of my friends even took up the role of charging the scooters at night. This didn't pay much, but it was a nice side hustle so they could have some extra "fun money". This was money that went directly back into supporting the local Milwaukee community. Whether it be going to eat at one of the local restaurants on Brady St, going to get some drinks on Old World Third St, or going to throw a frisbee and get ice cream near the lakefront, if it wasn't for the extra "fun money" from charging the electric scooters at night, the restaurants wouldn't of gotten it because my friends wouldn't of had the money to go out. The scooters create more affordable transportation options and provide jobs for locals to then spend in the community.

Milwaukee is literally the ideal city for dockless electric scooters. Most streets within the city have bike lanes to ride in, the city has many popular destinations that are just outside of walking range of each other but are also less than ideal for driving/rideshares, and having more transportation options within the city is a great thing! It makes life easier for residents and tourists alike to enjoy the city to its fullest potential.

Last year, the scooters were greatly missed but their absence was understandable given the pandemic. Now that we are turning the corner and looking at returning to normal life, I hope you all will share in your **support** of bringing back and *expanding* the use of the dockless electric scooters to Milwaukee. They will be a great and welcomed addition to our community.

Thank you,

Frank